



...learning beyond classroom

DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KALEIDOSCOPE

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EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT
TO THE FUTURE,
FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO
THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY.

-MALCOLM X

VISIONARY'S VISION

'MORAL VALUES ARE THE TRUE RICHES, AND THEY ARE WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE GOLD.'



Dear Parents

This edition of Kaleidoscope is another amalgamation of a plethora of events held at the school. Throughout the past one month we have endeavoured to empower our students by teaching them critical thinking, leadership, time management, self-awareness, team coordination, collaboration and effective communication. However, it makes me ponder whether these twenty first century skills can be achieved without learning and imbibing basic values, ethics or as we call them 'sanskars'.

Sanskars' not only make a person but determine his/her character and gives strength to it. A person with a pleasant disposition, good manners and moral values are loved and respected. However, we often accuse the young generation with moral degradation and deterioration of sanskars. What does this reflect? Doesn't it indicate the non-success and negligence of the society in making the youth realize the significance of ethics and principles? Have we failed our children in imparting education and right values? I should rather say that we have limited education to books and syllabus; we tell our children to score good marks, secure good ranks in competitive examinations and acquire a highly paid job or run a profitable business and establish themselves as successful people in the society.

We as parents and teachers have never conveyed the present generation the message of love, forgiveness, honesty, responsibility, compassion, humility, kindness, truthfulness and gratitude. We have not taught our children the power of fair-play and sportsmanship; it's high time we preach them that winning and losing are part of a game and if win is celebrated, then loss should be accepted with grace. Once children learn there is no embarrassment in failure, they will understand the rules of life and render a new definition of 'success' without sacrificing and surrendering their integrity of character.

As Swami Vivekananda had rightly said, 'First make character — that is the highest duty you can perform' we should work on character formation of our dear students and make them realize that sanskars and values bring out the depths of character thereby leading to good citizenship and which further paves the way to a better nation.

With Warm Regards

Ms. Sangeeta Choudhary
(Vice Chairperson)

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

'The sanskars we receive in childhood become the foundation upon which we build our adult lives.'

Dear Parents

One of the oft repeated phrases that I hear from many parents and students is the desire to be successful. So, what is this elusive and much sought after success? Success, today, is measured in purely materialistic terms. It is measured in terms of good marks, excellence in academics, and in co-curricular activities, later through the evidence of securing admission in a good college, landing a good well-paying job. While these are sound ambitions to have, this trend also leads to a rat race where climbing the pinnacle of success becomes so vital that it obscures the value of those who have good sound character and good "Sanskars".

Children pay a heavy price for the obsessive need of society for materialistic success. It robs them of the ability to enjoy small pleasures of life and makes the word "failure" a taboo. What is the solution then? How do we teach our children to run for success as well as be strong headed, morally upright, honest, and straight forward individuals? Can we groom them to focus only on skill development and strengthening concepts rather than run after illusions and fallacies?



'Sanskars' or 'values' are at times considered to be obsolete concepts which do not carry any significance in this world of cut-throat competition and self-centeredness wherein everyone ought to establish oneself as a successful individual. In the process of winning and achieving victory we have become manipulators, hard task masters thereby sacrificing integrity of characters, empathy, effective communication, and a generous leadership. But as Pablo Neruda has advised us to meditate and introspect to enable us to lead to self-discovery and self-attainment, have we ever wondered if it's worthy to give up morals and ethics and chase 'success' at the cost of disintegration of characters and degeneration of society.

The answer is not as simple as it should be as a lot of factors contribute to character formation, the first and foremost being the environment of grooming, family values and tenets, family and personal priorities and above all friends, peers and acquaintances who mould and shape perspectives and temperaments. Thus, it may be inferred that together with an integrated approach we can stimulate the child to a better life embedded with values, achievements, joys, and jubilations. At the same time teaching the child to accept defeat and take criticism in their strides is imperative towards leading a healthy life.

We dedicate this edition of Kaleidoscope to well nurtured and sanskari children of the school.

Let's raise an ethically honest, tolerant, patient, empathetic, disciplined, and fair-minded generation!

Let's pass on the right values to our children! Let's adorn their lives with 'sanskars'.

With Regards

**Ms. Shalini Agarwal
(Principal)**

Proud Moment



**School was awarded with Innovation in
Education Award at the Indian Icon Awards.**

AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM- CLASS XI & XII

The students of Class XI & XII of the school had an exciting opportunity to visit the national museum on 13th July, 2023, Thursday. The students saw key holdings as well as other artefacts of the museum. The key holdings included the dancing girl(sculpture), ivory carved Dashavatra, ivory tusk depicting Buddha's life stories, Jade collections and Akota bronzes alongside stone and clay artifacts, Furthermore, the students also visited the numismatics department where they saw procedures and evolution of coins of different Dynasties. Students also visited other departments of the museum like pre-historic archeology, manuscripts and epigraphy, paintings, decorative arts, jewelry, anthropology, central Asian antiquities and Pre-Colombian art and were exhilarated to see such beautiful and ancient carvings and artifacts. It was indeed a wonderful experience exploring different sections of the Indian history.



GLOBAL UNIVERSITY FAIR



22nd July, 2023 marked an exciting event in the academic calendar of the school as it brought together a diverse array of universities and colleges from around the world to showcase their offerings to prospective students. The university fair was held in the school auditorium, attracting a large number of high school students, parents, and educators eager to explore the various educational opportunities available. The universities which participated in the fair were Brescia, AIT, BML Munjal University, Bennett University, Trinity Western University, Woosong University etc.

The university fair featured more than 30 institutions, each setting up booths and stalls with representatives from various academic departments, admissions teams, and current students. The fair aimed to provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of different programs, campus life, extracurricular activities, scholarship options, and admission requirements. Throughout the fair, universities conducted informative presentations that covered a range of topics, including undergraduate and postgraduate programs, career prospects, and research opportunities.

Some universities highlighted their exchange programs and partnerships with foreign institutions, promoting the advantages of studying abroad and the cross-cultural experiences available to students. Attendees noted the wide variety of courses available, ranging from traditional disciplines to cutting-edge fields like artificial intelligence, sustainability, and data science. Overall the fair was an enriching experience for the students and parents.

Cecilian MUN '2023



Students participated in the MUN conducted by St. Cecilia's Public School which was held on 21 & 22 July, 2023 on the various agendas of various committees like UNGA, IP, AIPPM, UNSCW, UNHRC etc. The students had chosen their country or portfolios. It was conducted in the various rooms allotted to each committee where the students discussed on the given agenda. They spoke with firm convictions discussing and explaining agenda with clarity and confidence. It was a great learning experience for the students.

The following students won the awards in the Cecilian MUN (St. Cecilia's School) -

1. Honourable mention - Srishti Sharma
2. Best journalist- Ridhan Verma
3. Special mention - Siya Sharma
4. High recommendation – Sanchay Makhija



"Anti-Bullying Workshop"

The school conducted a series of workshops on "Say No to Bullying" for classes VIII, IX, X XI and XII to spread awareness about Bullying and its negative effects on the physical, social, academic, emotional as well as the psychological well being of the victim. The various topics covered included understanding what is bullying, types of bullying including cyberbullying, how can a bully take the help of a school counsellor to control his behaviour, how to prevent bullying and what could be the consequences if found guilty. It was an interactive session conducted by the School Principal, Ms. Shalini Agarwal wherein students indulged in a variety of activities. The plethora of activities included role play, presentation, discussion, filling a Questionnaire to name a few. The students were sensitized to be an up stander and support the victim by reporting the matter to their class teacher, school counsellor or the School Principal.



Ms. Shalini Aggarwal highlighted the effects of bullying on the victim and how to prevent bullying. The workshop was concluded with students taking a pledge not to bully anyone and to support the victim.

MOVIE TIME FOR CLASS VIII , IX AND X

The school organized a Movie Show for students of Class VIII on 19th July 2023. Students, accompanied by their teachers, were taken to Cinepolis Janak Puri where they watched the movie 'Fast X'. All were enthralled to watch the movie and were thoroughly entertained by it. They all expressed their heartfelt gratitude to school for organising the movie excursion and giving them a fun-filled day with cherished memories.



Inter house Competition

Class VI , VII & VIII

The school conducted an Inter-House Competition on a series of topics for Class VI it was Importance of Cleanliness, for class VII it was Anti Gadgets and for class VIII it was Waste Management.

The students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm and managed to come up with innovative Slogans and Posters. Students' creations were judged on the basis of the rubrics already decided.



MEAL Activity

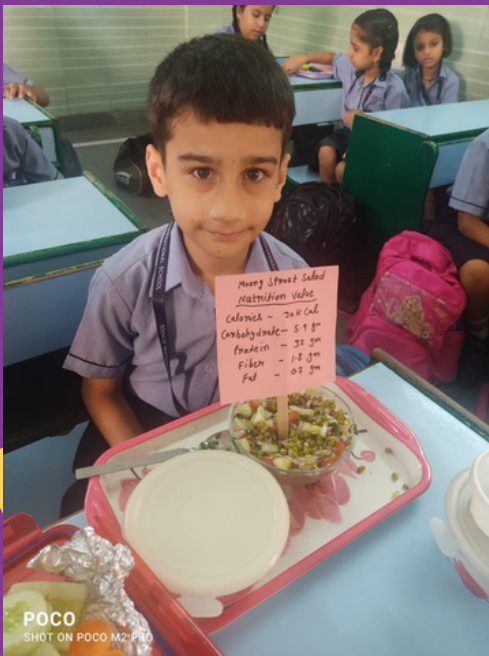
CLASS - III - V

‘A healthy outside starts from healthy inside’

Eating healthy is always a healthy choice. In order to encourage healthy eating habits, the little chefs of Grade III to V tried their hands on making a healthy meal for their ‘Meal Activity’

Tossed tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, cottage cheese with some sprouts and tangy dressing was a healthy treat for the tummy.

Kids enjoyed eating their creative preparations as much as they enjoyed making it. They also learnt about the nutritional value of eating a healthy and balanced diet and the joy of making the meal.



POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Class III TO V

At school, we believe in fostering a safe and secure environment for the students to learn and thrive. To strengthen the bond between the students and the local law enforcement, the school organized a special activity called "Know Your Police Poster Making Competition." This initiative aimed to bridge the gap, dispel misconceptions, and encourage positive interactions between students and the police force. The poster making competition took place on 21st July and left an indelible impact on the students, promoting mutual understanding and respect.



***** SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – CLASS II *****

KHELO INDIA



“Sports do not build character, they reveal it.” - John Wooden

Education is incomplete without sports. Playing sports have a huge impact on holistic development of a child as it teaches them not only to become a successful team mate but helps them to become a good leader too. It also prepares them to face life challenges by making them accountable to accept their mistakes patiently. Being two sides of the same coin, academics and athletics are associated with each other. Keeping this in mind, the students of II Lily presented a special assembly on ‘Khelo India’ on 31st of July. The assembly started with a prayer by the class choir, followed by thought of the day. The students confidently showcased the importance of sports through a well coordinated dance performances, theme song and some amazing facts. Each letter in the word ‘SPORTS’ was highlighted with the placards explaining its vibrant meaning. Students’ thoughts conveyed the solemn message that sports are the integral part for all round development of a child. The assembly ended with the encouraging words of honourable Principal Ms. Shalini Agarwal and Director (Academics) Mr. Rajbir Singh Gahlot.



TRIP TO RELIANCE MART CLASS I & CLASS II

“To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.”

Field trips play an important role in learning. They link the classroom experience with the outside world and in doing so, they drastically improve the process of learning.

In order to improve hands on learning, students of classes I and II went on a field trip to Reliance Mart. Children saw a wide variety of food and goods which help them to follow healthy habits on a day to day basis. Students identified healthy and unhealthy food very enthusiastically. They exclaimed confidently that chocolates, ice cream, cakes, chips etc. are unhealthy although they surely were more excited while exploring the junk food zone. They were also curious to see the frozen food section and explored the meat zone. Their observations were not restricted to food alone. They also pointed out regular household items that were familiar to them. This educational, interactive experience is sure to leave a lasting impression on the students.



Handwriting Competition

For Children (In English Language)

CLASS I & II

Handwriting is an essential skill for children. Practicing handwriting is an incredibly important exercise for children, enabling them to develop fine motor skills and confidence. It activates the brain and contributes to reading fluency. Good handwriting is important as in the modern world, in all walks of life, people are judged by their handwriting. Keeping this in mind, the school organized an English handwriting competition for classes I and II on 7th JULY, 2023. It provided students with an opportunity to display their competency of legible writing. The response of the students was very encouraging. Majority of students put in their best foot forward to enhance their writing skills. School Vice Chairperson Ms Sangeeta Choudhary , Principal Ms Shalini Agarwal ,Academic Advisor Ms Sudesh Thakran and Ms. Ritu Thakran appreciated the efforts of little ones.



Winners of *OLYMPIAD LEVEL-2*



"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." The young scholars of the school were rewarded medals and certificates for their hard work and talent which led them to winning International Olympiads at such a young age. The honour was done by the respected Vice-chairperson Ms. Sangeeta Chaudhary, esteemed Principal Ms. Shalini Agarwal and beloved Head-mistress Ms. Archana Rathi.

VISIT TO AIR FORCE MUSEUM KINDERGARTEN

An amazing adventure to the Airforce Museum was undertaken by the tiny tots of the school on 20th July 2023. Our enthusiastic kindergarten students embarked on a thrilling educational journey to the Air Force Museum. Their eyes sparkled with wonder as they explored the rich history of aviation and witnessed the incredible feats of the brave men and women who have served in the Air Force. Interactive displays captivated their attention as they got hands-on experience in learning. It was wonderful to witness their curiosity and eagerness to learn as they asked insightful questions and absorbed new knowledge. Overall, it was a day filled with inspiration, discovery & a sense of patriotism that will remain with them for years to come.



KINDERGARTEN STORY TELLING SESSION



New extracurricular for kindergarten



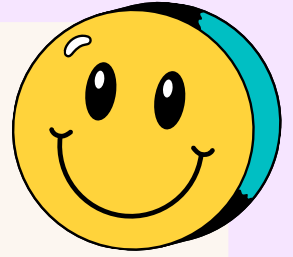
“Story Telling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world”

Story telling is the heart of life. It is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today. It not only boosts language skills but also expands the imagination and improves listening skills of the young students. A story telling activity was organised by the teachers for the students of kindergarten. The creativity and artistry among the tiny tots were nurtured through extremely engaging session. Teachers presented an English Story – The Blue Jackal with various props, finger puppets, charts, pictures, creative gestures and facial expressions. The appropriate use of voice modulation and body language infused passion, enhanced imagination and expression and introduced children to new horizons of storytelling.

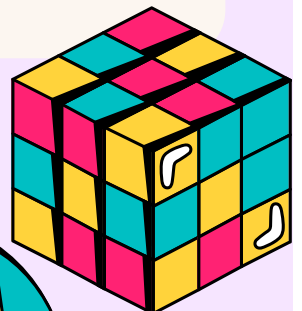
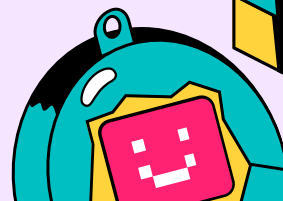




CHEF OF THE MONTH -BHELPURI



Kindergarten students learnt yet another life skill, 'The culinary Art'. This activity is specifically aimed at helping the young learners to build their fine motor skills. Through this activity they also learnt the basics of cooking and also made yummy Bhelpuri under the guidance of their teachers. A lot of enthusiasm in participating and achieving were visible in the sparkling eyes of the little master chefs. The Vice Chairperson, Ms Sangeeta Choudhary, Principal Ms Shalini Agarwal and the Headmistress Ms Archana Rathi visited the venue to motivate the little chefs and also enjoyed delicious bites of the cuisine.



NURSERY - SELF INTRODUCTION

A delightful Self - introduction competition was organized for the little munchkins of Dwarka International School on July 27, 2023. The competition aimed to foster confidence, communication skills and self-expression among the young learners. The little participants brimmed with excitement, ready to share their unique stories with wonderful props. They showcased remarkable creativity and enthusiasm during their introduction.



UKG ENGLISH RECITATION COMPETITION



“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words” – Robert Frost

Dwarka International School has organized an English Recitation Competition for the students of class UKG on July 28, 2023. The competition aimed to provide a platform to our little ones to display their confidence, expression and language skills while reciting English poems. The tiny tots delivered a heartwarming performance. It was a splendid opportunity for the little ones to gain confidence through stage exposure. The winners were applauded and praised for their wonderful performance.



Celebration of Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam coinciding with 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020



The second Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29th July 2023, coinciding with the 3rd anniversary of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP). The two-day event held at ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, aimed to celebrate the progress made since the implementation of the NEP and foster a collaborative spirit among educators to shape the future of education in India. It was organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

On the second day of the event, 30th July 2023, the school organized a special visit for its teachers, students, and parents to gain insights into the implementation of the NEP 2020. The visit aimed to create awareness about the key objectives and reforms of the policy, and its potential impact on the Indian education system. The teachers were able to engage in discussions with education experts and officials to understand the practical aspects of integrating of the NEP provisions into the school curriculum.

Another very attractive element of the celebrations was multimedia exhibition showcasing the best initiatives from the world of school and higher education and the skill ecosystem. Two hundred multimedia stalls were set up by institutions and organization under education and skill landscape, industry, and key stakeholders. The event helped to foster a collaborative spirit among educators, encouraging them to play an active role in shaping the future of education in the country.